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situations in which each transparent substrate spans across the region for only a single channel.

FIGS. 17A-17F illustrate another fabrication technique for obtaining a stack similar to the stack 321 of FIG. 15F. In this case, as shown in FIG. 16A, multiple singulated transmissive substrates 312 are mounted on a sacrificial substrate 410. As before, the transmissive substrates 312 can be composed, for example, of glass, sapphire or a polymer that is transparent to the wavelength(s) of interest (i.e., the wavelength(s) of light emitted by the light emitting devices 76A and detectable by the light detecting devices 76B). A combined replication and vacuum injection tool 400A is provided, and a curable epoxy material is dispensed on the replication features 402 of the tool, which then is brought into contact with the exposed surfaces of the transmissive substrates 312 to form replicated lens elements 310 as shown in FIG. 17B. The epoxy material then is hardened, for example, by thermal or UV curing. Also, spaces 404 between the tool 400A and the sacrificial substrate 410, as well as spaces 406 between the tool 400A and the transmissive substrates 312, are filled with a non-transparent material such as a flowable polymer material (e.g., epoxy, acrylate, polyurethane, or silicone) containing a non-transparent filler (e.g., carbon black, a pigment, an inorganic filler, or a dye). See FIG. 17B. The non-transparent material subsequently can be hardened (e.g., by UV or thermal curing) to form wall features 416 and spacer features 418. The tool 400A and the sacrificial substrate 410 then are removed. The resulting structure 420 (comprising the transmissive substrates 312, the lenses 310, the spacer features 418 and the wall features 416) is illustrated in FIG. 17C.

The structure 420 then is mounted on a substrate wafer 320 (e.g., a PCB wafer) on which are mounted optoelectronic devices (i.e., light emitting devices 76A and light detecting devices 76B), as shown in FIG. 17D. A second combined replication and vacuum injection tool 400B can be used to form lenses on the second side of the transmissive substrates 312, baffle features and upper portion of the wall features 416. A curable epoxy material is dispensed on replication features 422 of the tool 400B, which then is brought into contact with the exposed surfaces of the transmissive substrates 312 to form replicated lens elements 310B as shown in FIG. 17E. The epoxy material can be hardened, for example, by thermal or UV curing. Also, spaces 424 between the tool 400B and the previously-formed sections 416 of the wall features, as well as spaces 426 between the tool 400B and the transmissive substrates 312, are filled with a non-transparent material such as a flowable polymer material (e.g., epoxy, acrylate, polyurethane, or silicone) containing a non-transparent filler (e.g., carbon black, a pigment, an inorganic filler, or a dye). See FIG. 15. The non-transparent material subsequently can be hardened (e.g., by UV or thermal curing) to form the upper sections 416B of wall features 416 and to form baffle features 428. The second tool 400B then can be removed. The resulting structure 421, which is illustrated in FIG. 17F, is similar to the structure 321 of FIG. 15F obtained from the process of FIGS. 15A-15F. The structure 421 of FIG. 17F also can be separated (e.g., by dicing) along lines 322 into multiple modules, each of which includes a light emitting device 76A and a light detecting device 76B in respective optical channels.

As noted above, if dicing is performed as shown in FIG. 15F or 14F, the exterior sidewalls 326 of the transparent covers 312 of the resulting modules will not be covered with a transparent material (see, e.g., FIG. 16), which could allow light leakage from the module and/or stray light into the

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module to occur in some cases. A technique for providing non-transparent material to cover the sidewalls of the transparent covers is now described.

One way in which the sidewalls 326 of the transmissive covers 312 can be covered with non-transparent material is illustrated by FIGS. 15A-15B. Starting, for example, with the structure 321 of FIG. 15F (or the structure 421 of FIG. 17F), openings (e.g., trenches) 510 are formed from the top each baffle feature (e.g., 318) through the underlying transmissive substrates 312, as shown in FIG. 18A. The trenches 510 should extend entirely through the thickness of the transmissive substrates 312 and, preferably, should extend partially into spacer features (e.g., 316) below. The trenches 510 can be formed, for example, by dicing, micromachining or laser cutting techniques. The trenches 510 subsequently can be filled with a non-transparent material 512 using, for example, a vacuum injection technique so as to provide a non-transparent layer on the side edges of the various portions of the transmissive substrates 312. See FIG. 18B. The vacuum injection technique can involve placing a PDMS tool on the top of the structure shown in FIG. 18A. The non-transparent material 512 covering the side edges of the transmissive substrates 312 can be, for example, a curable polymer material (e.g., epoxy, acrylate, polyurethane, or silicone) containing a non-transparent filler (e.g., carbon black, pigment, or dye). The structure 520 of FIG. 18B then can be separated (e.g., by dicing) into multiple individual modules.

For example, as illustrated in FIG. 19, the structure 520 can be separated by dicing along lines 522 through the wall features 416, 416B to form modules like the module 530 of FIG. 20. The module 530 includes a light emitting device 76A and a light detecting device 76B separated from one another by a spacer 418 that serves as a non-transparent interior wall. Non-transparent material 512 also separates the transmissive substrates 312 from one another to help prevent stray light from entering the optical detection channel. The exterior walls 416 of the module also are composed of non-transparent material and cover the exterior sidewalls 326 of the transmissive covers 312, which can help prevent light leakage from the sides of the transmissive covers. The structure 321 of FIG. 15F can be processed in a similar manner to obtain multiple modules similar to the module of FIG. 20.

In some implementations, instead of separating the structure 520 along dicing lines 522 as in FIG. 19, the structure 520 can be separated along dicing lines 524 passing through the non-transparent material 512 and the spacers 418 (see FIG. 21) to form light modules like the module 540 of FIG. 22. The module 540 also includes a light emitting device 76A and a light detecting device 76B separated from one another by an interior wall 416 that can help prevent stray light from entering the optical detection channel. The outer walls of the module are composed of non-transparent spacers 418 and non-transparent material 512 that covers the exterior sidewalls 326 of the transmissive covers 312. The non-transparent material 512 can help prevent light leakage from the sides of the transmissive covers 312. The structure 321 of FIG. 15F can be processed in a similar manner to obtain multiple modules similar to the module of FIG. 22.

Although many of the foregoing examples include lenses as the optical elements, some implementations may include other types of optical elements (e.g., optical filters and/or FFL correction layers) in addition to, or in place of, the lenses. In some cases, such optical elements may be provided on a transparent substrate (e.g., wafer) prior to singulation. For example, in some cases, an optical filter layer